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In re U.S. Patent Application of:

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**REQUEST UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312(a)**

Honorable Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

A Notice of Allowance for the above-identified application was mailed on 16 June 2000. This Amendment is being timely filed concurrently with payment of the Issue Fee on 18 September 2000 (16 September being Saturday), and therefore, no fee or Petition is required.

An Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 was timely filed with the subject application on 24 August 1998. *✓ 2/29/99*

Applicants respectfully request that a copy of the Form PTO-1449 be returned with the Examiner's initials to show consideration of the references listed thereon.

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